CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14   (canceled)

15   (original) A method for monitoring a field of view for visible changes, comprising in combination the steps of:

taking a manually set benchmark image in a predetermined manner of the field of view to be monitored;

dividing the benchmark image into a plurality of cells;

taking a second image in the predetermined manner of the field of view to be monitored after creating the benchmark image;

dividing the second image into the plurality of cells;

giving each cell of the benchmark image a numerical value based upon the information in each cell;

giving each cell of the second image a numerical value based upon the information in each cell; and

comparing the sum of the cells of the second image to the sum of cells in the benchmark image.